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Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR PERSONS
DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than July 1, 2015, the
2 Commissioner of Developmental Services, in consultation with the
3 Commissioner of Children and Families, shall establish a pilot
4 program for persons with developmental disability and persons who
5 have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder who (1) require a
6 high level of clinical services, (2) have been difficult for the
7 Department of Developmental Services to place due to such persons'
8 behavioral needs, and (3) are on said department's emergency list or
9 have been served primarily in a hospital setting or out-of-state facility.
10 The pilot program shall provide a coordinated system of
11 individualized services for such persons that includes integration into
12 the community in a group setting.

13 (b) The pilot program shall provide participating persons with (1)
14 behavior management services through the use of behavior analysis,
15 (2) training in development of coping skills, (3) on-site clinical
16 oversight, including the availability of direct care personnel to address

17 behavioral needs on a twenty-four-hour basis, and (4) other
18 individualized services.

19 (c) Service providers who participate in the pilot program shall have
20 demonstrated experience serving persons with the behavior
21 characteristics of those participating in the pilot program and
22 managing challenging behaviors including aggression, self-injury and
23 property destruction using methods of applied behavior analysis. All
24 staff who provide direct care to persons participating in the pilot
25 program shall receive training in applied behavior analysis,
26 medication administration and crisis intervention. Service providers
27 shall collaborate with school personnel and day program service
28 providers to achieve consistency in behavior expectations for
29 participants in the pilot program.

30 (d) The pilot program shall serve not more than twenty-four
31 persons. The Commissioner of Developmental Services shall identify
32 service providers meeting the requirements of subsection (c) of this
33 section to provide direct care services for participants and identify
34 appropriate placements for such participants. The commissioner may
35 contract with any such service provider to provide such services for
36 participants. The commissioner may place not more than six persons in
37 any one group home. The commissioner shall establish a per diem fee
38 for the services provided under the pilot program.

39 (e) On or before January 1, 2017, the Commissioner of
40 Developmental Services shall report, in accordance with the provisions
41 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees
42 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
43 public health, human services and children concerning the results of
44 the pilot program established in accordance with this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PH *Joint Favorable*